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Examiner: Jessica Lemieux

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 6, 2008, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-40, 42-70, 72 and 81-107) for initial examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between Groups I-IV, for the reasons indicated at page 2 of the Office Action. First, the groups cited in the Office Action are not believed to relate to one another as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.

Moreover, in view of the nature of the claims of each group, Applicants submit that any search of the prior art for Group I would be co-extensive with the search required for the other groups, and would not be any additional burden for the Examiner.